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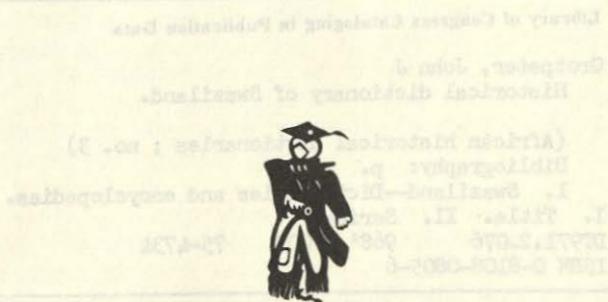
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EDITOR'S FOREWORD

The third volume in this series of African Historical Dictionaries is devoted to one of Africa's smaller countries, the Kingdom of Swaziland. But, rather than diminishing its importance, this "Dictionary" shows the real value of the work. It is not just the most accurate information on

To the people of Swaziland, may this volume be of service.

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Of particular importance in this dictionary is that, as with its predecessors, it has been possible to bring together a great collection of reference works in a bibliography such as has perhaps never before been compiled on Swaziland. This, too, will be one of the major aids to the student, the teacher, and the librarian, for whom this series was designed.

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